

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,537,141 to Harper *et al.* (hereinafter "Harper"). In addition, claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harper. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As explained in the Response dated March 1, 2005, Harper fails to disclose or suggest compressing multiple video signals into a combined program stream as recited in independent claims 1, 2 and 5. Further, Harper also fails to disclose or suggesting linking the compressed video signals using data commands as recited in claims 1 and 2.

In the Office Action dated July 19, 2005, the Examiner responded by stating that the claims do not specify compressing multiple video signals as explained by applicants. Although applicants believe that the claims previously specified compressing multiple video signals, in the interest of advancing the prosecution in this application and obtaining a Notice of Allowance independent claims 1, 2 and 5 have been amended to clarify that video signals from a plurality of video cameras are being compressed. Since, as previously explained, Harper fails to disclose or suggest compressing multiple video signals as claimed; the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 5 in view of Harper should be withdrawn. The rejection of claims 3, 4 and 6-11, which depend from claims 1, 2 and 5, should be withdrawn for at least the same reasons.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 559442000113.

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